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Dear Sirs:

I sincerely hope that the Department of Justice will not allow AOL's recently filed suit against Microsoft to delay the ending of that travesty.

As a consumer I greatly enjoy using the superior products that Microsoft offers. The fact that they have had to waste hundreds of millions of dollars fighting to retain their own property has cost me personally. By Microsoft not being able to use that money for growth and product development I have been unfairly denied access to better and less expensive products.

I have been denied that by this suit. This suit was brought neither by the millions of satisfied Microsoft customers, nor by their vendors. It was brought by failing competitors. AOL is not a failing competitor of Microsoft's, quite the contrary, they have the dominant market share to Microsoft's small minority slice. But, AOL is failing. Their suit is only a ploy to distract from their own failings. It is also a clear attempt to become another parasite itching to feast off of Microsoft's success.

This is America. isn't it? Don't we stand for free trade and freedom - not 'beat your 'competition with dirty politics', ? The United States government is there to protect private property, isn't it? Where are Microsoft's private property protections? Why am I being penalized because some other company has run crying to "Big Mother" rather than standing up and trying to win fairly?

AOL must not be allowed to do this. Please restore the full faith and trust in the Department of Justice by dismissing not only AOL's frivolous and groundless suit, but also and more importantly, the one against Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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